

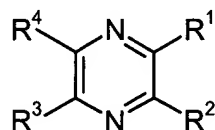
IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A method of imparting odor to an odorless combustible gas, said method comprising:  
    adding to said odorless combustible gas a sulfur-free odorizing composition comprising
  - A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,
  - B. at least one N compound with a boiling point of from 90 to 210°C and a molecular weight of from 80 to 160 and optionally
  - C. an antioxidant,    wherein components A and B are added to said combustible gas in an amount effective to act as a warning signal to warn of presence of said combustible gas in an enclosed space before an ignition limit of said combustible gas in said enclosed space is reached.
2. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein at least two different acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl esters A are added.
3. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein a mixture of two different acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl esters is added as component A.

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4. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the weight ratio of the two acrylic ester classes is 9:1 to 1:9.
5. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein a compound of the formula



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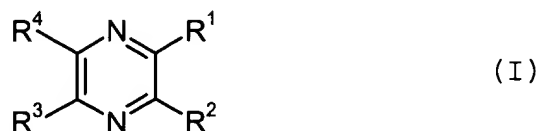
is component B, where

R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl; and

wherein component B is chosen from 2-methylpyrazine, 2,3-dimethylpyrazine, 2,6-dimethylpyrazine, 2,3,5-trimethylpyrazine, tetramethylpyrazine, 2-ethylpyrazine, 2,3-diethylpyrazine, 5,2-methylethylpyrazine, 2,3-methylethylpyrazine, 5,2,3-methyldiethylpyrazine, 3,5,2-dimethylethylpyrazine, or 3,6,3- dimethylethylpyrazine.

6. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein component B is used in an amount of from 1 to 100 parts by weight per 1,000 parts by weight of A.
7. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein component C is used in an amount of from 0.01 to 5 parts by weight per 1,000 parts by weight of A.

8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously presented) An odorless combustible gas comprising a warning signal comprising a sulfur-free odorizing composition comprising
  - A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,
  - B. at least one N compound with a boiling point of from 90 to 210°C and a molecular weight of from 80 to 160 and optionally
  - C. an antioxidant,wherein components A and B are added to said combustible gas in an amount effective to act as a warning signal to warn of presence of said combustible gas in an enclosed space before an ignition limit of said combustible gas in said enclosed space is reached.
10. (Previously presented) The gas according to Claim 9, wherein at least two different acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl esters are added.
11. (Previously presented) The gas according to Claim 9, wherein a mixture of two different acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl esters are added as component A.
12. (Previously presented) The gas according to Claim 11, wherein the weight ratio of the two acrylic ester classes is 9:1 to 1:9.
13. (Previously presented) The gas according to Claim 9, wherein said at least one N compound is of the formula:

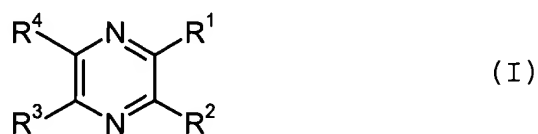


wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl.

14. (Previously presented) The gas according to Claim 9, wherein said at least one N compound is present in an amount of from 1 to 100 parts by weight per 1,000 parts by weight of said Component A.
15. (Previously presented) The gas according to Claim 9, wherein at least said antioxidant is used in an amount of from 0.01 to 5 parts by weight per 1,000 parts by weight of said Component A.
16. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said odor imparting components that are added to said combustible gas are non-corrosive.
17. (Previously presented) The gas according to Claim 9, wherein said odor imparting components that are added to said combustible gas are non-corrosive.
18. (Previously presented) A method of odorizing an odorless combustible gas by adding to said odorless combustible gas a sulfur-free odorizing composition comprising
  - A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,
  - B. at least one N compound with a boiling point of from 90

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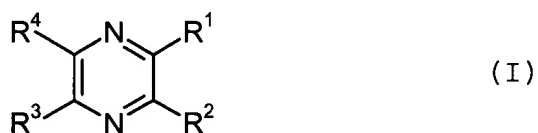
to 210°C and a molecular weight of from 80 to 160,  
wherein said at least one N compound is of the formula:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are  
hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and optionally  
C. an antioxidant.

19. (previously presented) A method of odorizing an odorless  
combustible gas by adding to said odorless combustible gas  
a sulfur-free odorizing composition comprising

- A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,
- B. at least one N compound of the formula:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are  
hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and optionally  
C. an antioxidant.

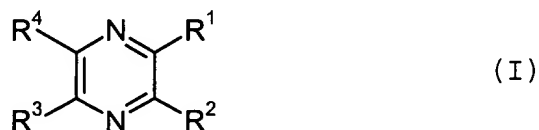
20. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 19,  
wherein components A and B are added to said combustible gas  
in an amount effective to act as a warning signal to warn of

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presence of said combustible gas in an enclosed space before an ignition limit of said combustible gas in said enclosed space is reached.

21. (Previously presented) An odorless combustible gas comprising a sulfur-free odorizing composition comprising

- A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,
- B. at least one N compound with a boiling point of from 90 to 210°C and a molecular weight of from 80 to 160, wherein said at least one N compound is of the formula:

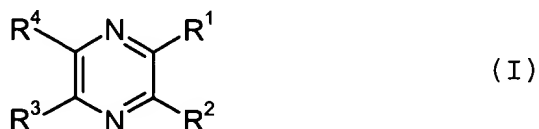


wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup>, independently of one another, are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and optionally

- C. an antioxidant.

22. (Previously presented) An odorless combustible gas comprising a warning signal comprising a sulfur-free odorizing composition comprising:

- A. at least one acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl ester,
- B. wherein at least one N compound is of the formula:



wherein  $R^1$  to  $R^4$ , independently of one another, are hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl, and optionally

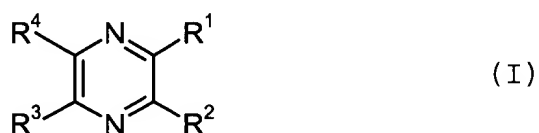
C. an antioxidant.

23. (Previously presented) The gas according to Claim 22, wherein components A and B are added to said combustible gas in an amount effective to act as a warning signal to warn of presence of said combustible gas in an enclosed space before an ignition limit of said combustible gas in said enclosed space is reached.

24. (Previously presented) An odorless combustible gas sulfur-free odorizing agent comprising:

A. at least one acrylic  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl acrylate,

B. at least one compound of the formula:



wherein  $R^1$  to  $R^4$ , independently of one another, are hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl, and optionally

C. an antioxidant.

25. (Original) A method of imparting odor to an odorless combustible gas, said method comprising:

adding to said odorless combustible gas

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- A. a mixture of two acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl esters, wherein the weight ratio of the two acrylic esters is 9:1 to 1:9,
  - B. at least one N compound with a boiling point of from 90 to 210°C and a molecular weight of from 80 to 160 and optionally
  - C. an antioxidant,  
wherein components A and B are added to said combustible gas in an amount effective to act as a warning signal to warn of presence of said combustible gas in an enclosed space before an ignition limit of said combustible gas in said enclosed space is reached.
26. (Original) An odorless combustible gas comprising a warning signal comprising an odorizing composition comprising
- A. a mixture of two acrylic C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl esters, wherein the weight ratio of the two acrylic esters is 9:1 to 1:9,
  - B. at least one N compound with a boiling point of from 90 to 210°C and a molecular weight of from 80 to 160 and optionally
  - C. an antioxidant,  
wherein components A and B are added to said combustible gas in an amount effective to act as a warning signal to warn of presence of said combustible gas in an enclosed space before an ignition limit of said combustible gas in said enclosed space is reached, and wherein said components A and B are substantially sulfur-free.